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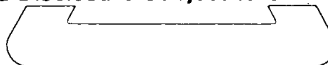
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25 FEB 1982PROBABLE 152MM SELF-PROPELLED GUN M-1977
OSIPOVICH, USSR

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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: EARLIEST KNOWN DEPLOYMENT OF THE 152MM SELF-PROPELLED (SP) GUN M-1977 (FORMERLY DONGUZ SP GUN).

2. (S/D) REMARKS: A REVIEW OF IMAGERY ACQUIRED OF THE SOVIET ARTILLERY DIVISION AT OSIPOVICH, ARMY BARRACKS SOUTH AL 2 INDICATES THE PRESENCE OF A PROBABLE 152MM SELF-PROPELLED GUN M-1977. THIS SIGHTING REPRESENTS THE EARLIEST KNOWN DEPLOYMENT OF THIS TYPE OF SP GUN TO AN ARTILLERY REGIMENT. THE FIRST DEPLOYMENT OF THIS GUN WAS PREVIOUSLY BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN ALTENGRABOW ARMY BKS DONITZ RSNKRG 207, A

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(S/D) THE PROBABLE SP GUN WAS CANVAS COVERED AND WAS OBSERVED IN AN ARTILLERY REGIMENT PREVIOUSLY EQUIPPED WITH 130MM FIELD GUNS M-46. ITS DEPLOYMENT INDICATES AN UPGRADE OF THE DIVISION'S ARTILLERY ASSETS. THE OSIPOVICH DIVISION IS SUBORDINATE TO THE BELORUSSIAN MILITARY DISTRICT (MD) HEADQUARTERS IN MINSK.

(S/D) PIECES OF EQUIPMENT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS UNIDENTIFIED TRACKED VEHICLES ARE NOW BELIEVED TO BE 152MM SP GUNS M-1977. THE EQUIPMENT WAS OBSERVED IN THIS AREA ON TWO OCCASIONS IN THE SAME TIMEFRAME--19 [REDACTED] 12 [REDACTED] NEITHER THE 152MM SP GUN M-1977 NOR THE 130MM FIELD GUN M-46 HAVE BEEN OBSERVED AT OSIPOVICH ON RELATIVELY FREQUENT COVERAGE (AT LEAST 12 OCCASIONS) SINCE [REDACTED] HOWEVER, ADEQUATE COVERED STORAGE EXISTS TO HOUSE THE SP GUNS. IT IS A CONVENTIONAL SOVIET PRACTICE TO PUT SP GUNS UNDER COVERED STORAGE IF THE STORAGE EXISTS.

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3. (S) [REDACTED] COORDINATES 53-17-26N 028-38-35E

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